

REMARKS**Claim Amendment**

Claims 1, 14 and 17 have been amended to recite that the materials of the core and of the shell have different refractive indices. This amendment is supported on page 2, lines 15-20, page 11, lines 23-27 and page 12, lines 4-7 of the present specification as filed. Applicants also note that different materials possess different refractive indices.

Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to recite that the particles of the present invention exhibit a peak of absorption in a range of wavelengths from about 200 nm to about 700 nm. The dependency of Claim 11 has been corrected.

Claim 27 has been amended to replace the trademarks Orlon® and Nylon® with their generic names: acrylic copolymers and polyamides, respectively.

No new matter has been introduced.

Summary of the Telephone Interview

A telephone interview between Examiner Hoa T. Le, representing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and David J. Thibodeau, Esq., and Alexander Akhiezer, Ph.D., representing Applicants, took place on October 19, 2005. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for granting the interview and offering valuable remarks.

During the interview, the parties discussed the amendment to claims to overcome the rejections of record. In particular, the Examiner suggested amending the independent claims to recite that the materials of the core and of the shell have different refractive indices.

It was furthermore understood that with submission of such an amendment, the rejection of the previously amended claims based on new matter and non-enablement will be withdrawn in view of the description by the specification as filed of a material having index of refraction of less than 1.8 on page 14, lines 4-6, FIG. 12 and brief description of the figures on page 4. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection and Applicants agreed to amend the claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Dependency of Claim 11

Claim 11 has been amended to correct its dependency. In their previously submitted amendment, Applicants inadvertently amended Claim 11, originally dependent on Claim 1, to be dependent on new Claim 31. Claim 11 should depend on Claim 1.

Objection to Claim 37

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants amended Claim 37 to recite the generic chemical names of the artificial fibers Orlon® and Nylon®.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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